



Agenda

**WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting**

March 06, 2014, 9:00 AM
District Headquarters - B-1 Auditorium
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AGENDA

FINAL

- 1. Call to Order - Tim Sargent, WRAC Chairman**
- 2. WRAC Member Issues**

Summary

This agenda item allots WRAC members time to share pertinent information with other members and the public. Comments should be kept brief. If extended time is needed, please consider requesting the topic be added as an agenda item at the next meeting.

- 3. Lake Okeechobee Operations – Tommy Strowd, Assistant Executive Director, Operations, Maintenance and Construction, SFWMD**

Summary

In response to public concerns about the 2013 Wet Season Operations and effects on the northern estuaries, South Florida Water Management District (District) staff have prepared a technical summary of water conditions and actions that the agency undertook during May through October, 2013. This information is based on Lake Okeechobee operations, the decisions made by the District in partnership with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and special actions undertaken to reduce Lake Okeechobee regulatory discharges to the east and west coasts. In addition, District staff will present a preliminary list of action items to initiate discussions with the Water Resource Advisory Commission members on the flexibility in the upper bands of the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule to potentially improve overall system operations.

4. Central Everglades Planning Project Financial Capability Part 2 - Len Lindahl, Assistant Executive Director, Regulation, Water Resources, and Everglades Policy and Coordination, SFWMD

Summary

Prior to completion of the Chief of Engineers' Report and submittal of a Federal Project plan to Congress for authorization, the USACE requires that the Non-Federal Sponsor provide a letter of support for the project and a self-certification of financial capability to provide its required cost-share for implementing the project. As the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) Project Implementation Report is being finalized for submittal to the Chief of Engineers, the SFWMD has been asked to provide the self-certification of financial capability in April 2014. This presentation will provide an example scenario demonstrating SFWMD's financial capability to be sponsor for the CEPP, along with assumptions and conditions that will be included in the self-certification submitted to the USACE.

5. Impaired Waters Notice of Proposed Rule - Sharon Trost, Director, Regulation Division, SFWMD

Summary

This agenda item provides the status and background information on the incorporation of the Impaired Waters Memo into Volume II of the Applicants' Handbook, Environmental Resource Permit Rules.

6. Staff Reports

Summary

This agenda item allows SFWMD staff to provide brief verbal reports regarding the status of key agency projects and initiatives.

7. General Public Comment

8. Adjourn